(ii) Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) is done at all levels.

(iii) Announcement through Public Address System and Closed Circuit television (CCTV) at important railway stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

(iv) RPF assistance booths are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging First Information Reports (FIRs) with Government Railway Police.

(v) Periodic high level co-ordination meetings with Government Railway Police and local police are conducted to analyse the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

(c) and (d) frequent checks are conducted in reservation offices by vigilance and commercial departments and the police against touts including Ghaziabad reservation office. In addition, during peak rush periods, the supervision is stepped up. Touts and anti-social elements apprehended are prosecuted under the relevant provisions of law and disciplinary action is taken against the railway staff if found conniving in such activities. Surprise checks are also conducted against the entry of unauthorised passengers into ladies compartments as well as unauthorised hawkers/vendors. The steps being taken by the Government at present are considered adequate.

New coaches for local trains in Mumbai

417. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any decision to procure new coaches for Mumbai local train services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether orders for procurement have been placed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, the procurement would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been planned to procure new EMU coaches for replacement of existing over-aged EMU stock and to meet the requirement of coaches on account of additional suburban services in Mumbai area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

New railway station in Mumbai

418. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up a new railway station in Western Zone of Mumbai, especially between Andheri and Goregaon, has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to construct a new suburban railway station at Oshiwara between Jogeshwari and Goregaon.

This work has been proposed as a part of the consolidated estimate for Mumbai Urban Transport Project and is being processed for sanction.

The work of construction of new station at Oshiwara has been proposed at a cost of Rs. 6 crores. The cost will be shared between Government of Maharashtra and Indian Railways on 50-50 basis.

The said station project is likely to be completed by March, 2006, subject to availability of funds.

Damage to Railway properties by rains in Mumbai

419. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage to the Railway properties after the recent heavy rains in Mumbai; and

(b) the number of services of Western Railway terminated because of this?